



Weekly Information & Communication



Weekly WIC Newsletter

February 13, 2017

State Office Closed

The state office will be closed Monday, February 20, 2017 in observance of Presidents Day.

Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative

A draft [agenda](#) is available. [Registration](#) is open. If you were approved for reimbursement of registration, lodging, travel and per diem, you should already have the code required for “free” registration. If you did not receive such approval and are a current WIC employee at the local level planning to register, please contact Chris at cfogelman@mt.gov for the required code. It has been decided that WIC will cover registration for current WIC employees attending the Collaborative. Fairmont Hot Springs has a block of rooms at state rates for WIC attendees. Fairmont’s contact information is 1-800-332-3272 or 406-797-3241.

Label Change for Gerber Cereal

[Gerber](#) is changing graphic design on their infant 8 oz. and 16 oz. cereals. This change will happen in March and April 2017.

Certified Lactation Counselor Training

Everyone who was approved for the location of Great Falls has been registered for the Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC) Training. An email message was sent out on Wednesday. If you did not receive the message and believed you were approved for the CLC training, please contact Chris at cfogelman@mt.gov.

The CLC trainers will send out information at a later date about the training location and hotels in the area. Please be sure to request state rates when you make your hotel reservation. If you need assistance in obtaining the state rate, contact Chris at cfogelman@mt.gov.

March Nutrition Education Training

March 2nd at 9 AM, will be the next nutrition training. This month's topic will cover SOAP notes and documentation requirements. This will be a [WebEx training](#) and will be recorded. Please use the "call me" option in WebEx for audio. If you have questions please contact [Lacy](#).

WIC Testimonials

The state staff would like to hear what our WIC participants have to say about their experiences! We would love for Local Agency staff to submit stories/quotes relating to WIC. This could be as simple as jotting down personal conversation and experiences, to having a whiteboard/billboard on display in clinic for the participants to write on. Our goal is to find out what our participants "Love about WIC." Please reach out to Alex @ 444-4746 or along@mt.gov for any submissions and/or questions. Thanks!

March of Dimes Community Grants Program

[The March of Dimes Community Grants Program](#) is designed to invest in priority projects that further the March of Dimes mission, support campaign objectives, and further our strategic goal of promoting equity in birth outcomes. The community grants fund for 2017 is approximately \$20,000. It is anticipated that one to four projects will be funded, with grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000 each.

Organizations serving American Indian pregnant women and other communities of color are highly encouraged to apply. Proposed projects must aim to improve access to or delivery of care or education to pregnant women/women of childbearing age or to deliver education to health care providers on one or more of the priority areas.

Wal-Mart System Update

The WIC state office has received multiple calls from agencies around the state regarding issues with the Wal-Mart Point of Sale Systems not recognizing WIC approved items. The system will reject the item and store management has to intervene with an "override" every time this happens, in order for the transaction to go through. It has caused frustration amongst our participants, Wal-Mart staff, and our local agencies.

We are currently working with the corporate Wal-Mart office to resolve the issue. In the meantime, if your clinic receives notification of a similar event, please remind the Wal-Mart staff that they are not allowed to deny service to a WIC participant at any time for any reason (i.e., system error). The state office vendor team is prepared to take calls regarding this issue—do not hesitate to refer them to the following contacts:

Kevin Moore: kmoore@mt.gov 406-444-5530

Glade Roos: groos@mt.gov 406-444-2841

Alex Long: along@mt.gov 406-444-4746

Price Surveys

The state office distributed price surveys to all Montana WIC retailers on January 25, 2017. It is encouraged that LARCs follow up with stores and ensure that the surveys are completed and sent to the state by **no later than February 24, 2017**. If replacements are needed, both a printable and fillable version is available under the “retailers” section of our webpage located at: Retailers>2017 Price Survey Materials. Contact Alex @ 406-444-4746 or email along@mt.gov for any further questions/concerns.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

Risk Code 303, History of Gestational Diabetes is defined as history of diagnosed gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM).

Presence of condition diagnosed, documented, or reported by a physician or someone working under a physician’s orders, or as self-reported by applicant/participant/caregiver.

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